

Application No.: 10/790,742
Art Unit: 1744

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REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicant proposes to amend Claim 9 and cancel Claims 15-20. Upon entry of the proposed amendment Claims 1-14 will remain pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 9 are independent claims.

In the Office Action mailed November 17, 2004, the Examiner rejected Claims 9-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 15-17 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wyant (U.S. Patent No. 3,232,505). Claims 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Share (U.S. Patent No. 3,495,352). Claims 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Share in view of Trifiletti (U.S. Patent No. 4,969,289). The Examiner allowed Claims 1-8 and indicated that Claims 9-14 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. With regard to the rejection based on indefiniteness, Applicant has amended independent Claim 9 in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation to clearly set forth the combination of "A scalloped edge with a dustpan." Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 9, as amended, and corresponding Claims 10-14 are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

With regard to the prior art rejections of record, Applicant proposes to cancel Claims 15-20. The cancellation of the instant claims should serve to render the prior art grounds of rejection moot.

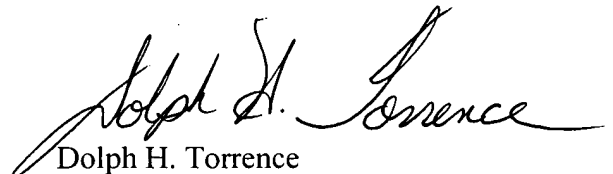
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Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed amendments made herein properly respond to the outstanding Final Rejection and represent a *bona fide* effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.. Care has been exercised to ensure that no new matter has been introduced and that no new issues have been raised that would require further consideration or search. Accordingly entry of the proposed amendment is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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